

CLOSE UP WASHINGTON DC: OUR FLAGSHIP 2009-10

FACT SHEET FOR TEACHERS

High School Program: This program helps students learn how and why they should engage as citizens in a democracy.

Why Teachers Choose Us

- 1. Inspiration:** Our proven curriculum and teaching method will educate and inspire your students. More than just a tour, our programs are known for inspiring students to participate as citizens when they return to their schools and communities. Students report that we help them feel empowered.
- 2. Fun:** Close Up's program is the perfect blend of learning and fun. Your students will have fun while they learn and enjoy a social hour virtually every night, a farewell banquet and our famous dance.
- 3. Safety:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. Our staff is trained in teaching, first aid, and student behavior. Our close-in hotels, are in very safe areas plus we have alliances with top health care providers so help is right there if you need it.
- 4. Value:** Our price includes virtually everything but souvenirs. Teachers love this all-inclusive approach. They value our curriculum, safety, faculty, close-in hotels, transportation team and more. Always ask "what's included" since some companies don't provide lunch; others put you in far away hotels.
- 5. Access:** We have relationships with every major institution in DC so you get an "inside view". For example, our high school program includes meetings we arrange with Congress, one of our key sponsors. Plus, you still have time to visit self-directed public exhibits such as the Smithsonian.
- 6. College Credit:** High schoolers can earn 1 credit from University of Virginia.
- 7. Quality:** Unlike other companies, we use our own instructional staff – not contract tour guides. We train them extensively to engage students and we keep the student-to-teacher ratio low.
- 8. Impact:** Year after year, over 90% of teachers report that Close Up helps their students better understand why and how they should become engaged and informed citizens.
- 9. Classroom Resources:** Every student and teacher gets an extensive notebook that guides them through the program and that can be used to stimulate discussion in class back home.
- 10. Teacher Rewards:** You travel for FREE and earn a stipend with a minimum number of students. You'll also get a wealth of insights from our teacher program that you can use back home.

Sample Student Schedule: 6 Days

SUNDAY: Arrive and Check In
Orientation Dinner with peers
Visit Iwo Jima Memorial

MONDAY: Memorials: Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR
Group Photo
African-American Civil War Memorial Study Visit
Domestic Issue Debate
Student Social

TUESDAY: Memorials: WWII, Korea, Vietnam
Q&A with Global Policy Expert
Neighborhood Study Visit: U Street
Student-led Mock Congress

WEDNESDAY: Meet Members of Congress or Staff
Workshop: Economy
Capitol Hill Visitor Center
Visit Supreme Court & Library of Congress
Night on the Town

THURSDAY: Take a Day Trip or Attend our Unique Electives
Visit the Smithsonians
Group Presentations & Photos
Farewell Banquet & Dance

FRIDAY: Depart

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Our Instruction

- An integrated curriculum designed to complement your classroom
- A supportive environment where every student is encouraged to learn & participate
- Structured learning activities at key monuments, memorials & famous sites
- An organized Capitol Hill Day, including meetings with Members or staff
- Inside access to key policy and media experts
- Unique teacher program that runs parallel to the student program
- “Live and learn” with students from across the country
- Students can earn college credit from University of Virginia (optional)

Ease & Convenience

- Online planning tools & FAQs make it easy for you to register, enroll students and keep track of your trip
- Close-in & metro accessible hotels maximize your time in DC
- Students get all meals, including lunches
- Student & Teacher Notebooks guide you through every phase of the program
- 24-7 supervision, including added security at night
- Our partnership with Georgetown University Hospital makes access to quality medical care easy if the need arises
- Secondary medical insurance for all participants

Our Friendly Staff

- Your own rep dedicated to making your trip to Washington fun & easy
- Your own transportation team who will arrange your travel
- A team of curriculum experts who design our programs to be relevant & impactful
- A Program Leader and team of Program Instructors who will lead your students’ program
- A team of Teacher Program Specialists to lead your participation on our Teacher Program

Program Options

- Early Arrival/Late Departure Package: Spend an extra day in DC before or after your program
- Night on the Town: Choose to take a night monument tour or attend theater
- Independent Study Day: Spend the day with your students or choose from Instructor-led electives

Teacher Rewards

- Earn a FREE trip and stipend with a minimum number of students
- Choose to participate on our unique teacher program, observe student program, or explore the city on your own
- Attend the Final Banquet to see students showcase what they learned during the week
- Take home valuable classroom resources from our partner institutions on Teacher Program, such as the Smithsonian and National Archives
- Interact with colleagues from across the country
- Teachers who participate in our Teacher Program can earn credit at Indiana University or Continuing Education Units.

Let us show you how easy it is for you and your students to come to Washington!

Call 800 CLOSE UP (256-7387) to speak with one of our reps or email us at info@closeup.org.